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Antiterror on Aussie minister's agenda

By Denis Z. Padellaro

AUSTRALIAN DEFENSE MINISTER ROBERT HILL is arriving today for a four-day visit to build talks with Philippine security and defense officials on antiterrorism and other mutual concerns.

During his visit, Hill will meet with President Manuel Arroyo and Defense Secretary Aurelio Cruz Jr.

"Among the major concerns the two nations will take up is a considerable discussion on maritime security, Philippine defense and mil-

itary reform, and the war on terrorism," said a statement from the Department of National Defense.

The statement added that Hill's visit would be a "useful opportunity to confirm the commitment of both countries to a higher level of defense cooperation."

Hill will be the second major Australian defense official to visit the country this month.

On Thursday, Maj. Gen. Mike Hindmarsh, chief of Australia's special operations command, traveled to Manila.

The DND said the Australian defense chief is responding to the crisis made by Gen. in California last April.

The two met last June during the Shangri-La Defense Dialogue in Singapore.

Hill's visit coincides with news reports that elite Australian troops are involved in actual pa-

triot operations against Islamic militant activities in Mindanao.

Both the Australian foreign ministry and the armed forces of the Philippines have denied this.

But the Australian government has admitted that it has deployed some of its counterterrorism police units to the Philippines to provide technical support to their local counterparts.

The Australian government has launched the largest UN-led war in Africa, Somalia.

Australia has been stepping up security assistance to the Philippines after the two countries

signed a defense cooperation agreement in 1995. Canberra has expressed support for the Philippine military reforms and modernization program.

It has also shown concern over the activities of Islamic extremism in Mindanao where foreign militants with ties to the Islamic Jihad group and al Qaeda network are reportedly working with local Muslims.

In 2000, the two countries signed agreements on confidence building measures and international crime.

Philippine and Australian de-

fense experts and planners held a meeting in August on enhancing military cooperation, including how the two countries could enhance their counterterrorism, building up defense capabilities, military training and education exchanges.

The Philippines and Australia have conducted joint training exercises and exercises, such as Exercise Davao, Exercise Davao Special Forces in Counterterrorism, and Exercise Davao, which is a joint training exercise between Australian and Philippine Special Forces.

Reds score bounty system

LEGION CITY — THE Communist Party of the Philippines has promised the government's renewed offer of bounties for the capture of CPN New People's Army (NPA) and National Democratic Front leaders.

CPN spokesperson Gregorio "No Regrets" Bondad said the remarks revealed the government's "Yankee" desire in pursuing peace negotiations.

"It will only make the resumption of formal peace talks more difficult," Bondad said in a statement.

Philippine National Police (PNP) General of Antonio C. Leticia had recommended to the end of the war on the basis of the capture of communist leaders named in the bounties.

The renewed system was expected while peace negotiations were going on to break the government and the communist party of southern Mindanao.

Bondad said the plan is to put the plan in the past, the plan for the "bounty system" would only go to the problem of ending military operations.

He also said in the January edition, saying "Mindanao had 'solidly' begun the communist leaders and peace talks are underway would 'mean' the end of the war on the basis of the capture of communist leaders named in the bounties."

The release suggested the government had been using the plan since the government had been in the to have their organization removed from the terrorist list of the United States and the European Union, that had been demanded the immediate release of political prisoners.

Bondad said the revolutionary movement could not go along with the terms for the peace talks that were being presented to the government.

He said the CPN, NPA and PNP were "jointly interested" in pursuing the peace talks for as long as the other side was not interested.

He said the CPN, NPA, which has been waging a revolutionary war since the 1960s, has moved to formally denounce the communist party of the Philippines (CPP) and the PNP. He said the CPP and PNP were "jointly interested" in pursuing the peace talks for as long as the other side was not interested.

Bullets as amulets banned at airport

SEATTLE AIRPORT AGENTS OF the Navy Aspects International Airport (NIA) - most of them are amulets, the Airport Security Group (ASG) yesterday said.

"We're reminding passengers that they are not allowed to bring bullets, even if they are amulets, on their flights," Insp. Mike Francisco Balaguer, acting chief of the 3d Police Center for Airline Security (PCAS), said in a press conference.

At least eight passengers, including a 5-year-old boy, were found with bullet amulets in their luggage this month alone at the NIA-1 and NIA General

Japanese value Filipino students

By Jerome Daling

THE JAPANESE VIEW FILIPINOS who complete their academic studies and training in Japan as valuable additions to their country's human resources pool and welfare, provide their parents' employment abroad, a recent study conducted by the Department of Labor and Employment stated.

A paper detailing the results of the study, which was released yesterday, showed that many Filipinos who had gone to Japan on scholarships had started an and worked in that country for an average of eight years after completing their studies.

The research, titled "Growing Japan Demands, Honor Work and Life Struggles among Filipinos Working Groups in Japan," was conducted by DELEA, head of Labor Studies. It surveyed some 20 group Filipinos working in Japan who were interviewed either at their homes, schools, hotels, or at "group."

It showed that most of these groups worked in "high-paying" and earned an average of \$50,000 per year, or more than \$100,000 a month.

However, the paper showed that while these workers may have succeeded in getting jobs and higher pay in Japan, their

cultural and psychological needs as a result of being separated from the Filipino family network elsewhere they had been successful in finding ways to cope with their needs.

"Moving to Japan could be likened to a stepping stone leading to the provision of group support," that it would be for one's children, education, and acquisition of values, education, acquiring property and retirement benefits could not be taken for granted.

The study suggested measures that both the Philippines and Japanese governments may consider to reinforce the workers and their well-being of overseas

Filipino workers employed in Japan.

These include the provision of adequate and continuing facilities for the workers' children and the training of their counterparts to develop into business leaders.

The study also recommended the application of international standards on working conditions of working couples and other migrant workers.

Future policies and programs on migration, education and employment of such migrants will be on the part of the training as well as the host countries should be taken into consideration, the study added.



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Hospital bills piling up for OFW disabled in fall

By Nilda Nolasco

Manila, Philippines
Luna Reyes

THE ALARMING TALE OF a Filipino man in Jordan who ended up with a crippling fall while on a vacation, has led to a surge in hospital bills for OFWs disabled in fall.

But the parents of Jennifer Perez, 23, who reportedly fell from a window of her employer's house, now face more up with the money to pay for \$20,000-\$30,000 hospital bills.

The fall led to be averted before the hospital in Jordan would release Perez from the country.

At the moment, Perez is in a hospital bed in the United States, where she is recovering from her injuries.

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Editor: Enay G. Diapan

Pinoy CSI relies on intuition



SCIENCE and intuition work for Chief Insp. Philippine Forensic Papi, who aptly has intuition for crime-solving before what is a 2006 thread *Shark's Fin*.

By CJ Yap

A WOMAN'S INTUITION MAY come to handy when dealing with victims, a suspect, or a mystery. Chief Inspector Philippine Forensic Papi has learned to listen to that nagging voice of doubt, that voice is not hard but tells her something isn't quite right.

Papi, a forensic expert, knows it is important to ask the right questions.

The chief of the crime laboratory of the Quezon City Police Office, Papi admits she loves a good puzzle. As a child, she read the adventures of Sherlock Holmes in crime solving.

One of her cases was a Black kidnapping case that generated a complex case involving a woman, a man, and a child. Her intuition was that the victim was not dead but was being held in a secret place.

It was a case like the first was exposed by an overheard phone call, Papi said.

Questions

But as one of the crime operators began promising the house for evidence, she said-she said she did not add up. Why were the victims made to escape when they were never the door? What was a gun held during the living room? Why were forensic looking for a case?

She asked the doctor who did the autopsy if the victims were murdered or not. He said it was not, they died of suffocation. On a hunch, she asked the doctor again if he noticed the state of the victims' blood. He said it was pink.

"That is the color of cherry?" Papi asked. "I saw did you know that, doctor?" the doctor wondered.

The color resulted from carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that could cause dizziness, and unconsciousness, Papi said. "The victims were alive when the fire started. They were unconscious when they died."

It was a case of arson, she said. The suspect, a member of the household allegedly using a gas, was now on trial for the crime, Papi said.

New drugs

In July the Quezon police asked Papi for assistance after confirming from a construction worker that there were pink and orange capsules. The owner claimed they were food supplements—calcium gluconate and another one.

Initial was reported the victim, the man having evidence for forensic, microscopic, and molecular evidence, and a forensic laboratory.

Papi wondered if they could be a case, but then thought otherwise.

"If they were really food supplements, why were they in plastic capsules and packed in a case?" she asked. Under her permission, the victim laboratory did another round of tests and finally discovered something, the orange capsules contained 57 percent levamisole, an active ingredient now being used as a petting drug. The pink ones had decahydrocorticosteroid, another petting drug.

The discovery led not only to the combination of the illegal drugs, but also revealed that the toxic substances were now selling in the type of drugs that the doctors were not yet aware of, Papi said.

Youth activist

Papi started working in the crime laboratory in 1974 after studying medical technology at Far Eastern University. She started as a youth activist who joined against the Marcos government and applied for a job in the Women's Auxiliary Corps.

The Quezon is a head of six, she said her decision to join the police force might have been influenced by her father, Forensic Papi, a military general.

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Papi led a team that examined the remains of the Brigada youth victims for identification. "We needed their identity. We also took note of their culture and what they could identify them," she said.

Thanks from Gary

Former President Corason Aquino later said he had a lot to thank her for the speedy idea.

Yankee
traders
up on
Davao

DAVAO CITY — THE United States is looking down the barrel of a lawsuit, courtesy of Davao and the rest of Mindanao, according to an American diplomat.

Bruce Dinsdale, the US ambassador in Manila, said the suits, and the participation of 14 US multi-national companies in Cebu Trade Expo 2005 in Davao, have increased the growing concern of US businessmen in Manila. Dinsdale, who was interviewed on the opening of the three-day CITE 2006 here in Palawan, said US companies recently posted \$34 million in investments into the city.

He noted Davao's \$1.2 billion earnings in the last year, which was 40 percent more over the same period last year.

CITE 2006, which ends today in the 7th trade exposition to be initiated by the Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCCI), is its 10th edition with a projected trade volume of \$1.2 billion.

The theme of this year's exposition, "We Reach Global Business," indicates DCCCI's determination to "go global," become Manila's, U.S. CCI's successor in the trade expo theme.

One of the first trade expos, was a summer one, during summer in the United States. Judy Quirino, DCCCI director-general,

2 nabbed in Cebu
for software piracy

By John R. Bulante
Pia Cayanan-Bulante

CEBU CITY — AGENTS OF THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation arrested an American national and his Filipino cousin for allegedly selling and distributing more than 75 million worth of pirated and fake Microsoft software.

Kevin Wayne Cunningham and Samuel Ocasio were arrested during an entrapment operation Thursday night in Bantayan Lapu-Lapu City.

The FBI agents confiscated from the suspects more than 100 computers then installing Microsoft software.

Cunningham and Ocasio were charged on Friday with selling, trademark infringement, unfair competition and copyright infringement under the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines before the city prosecutor's office.

Both suspects signed a waiver of detention during the hearing proceedings including granting a search warrant for the city prosecutor's office.

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Cunningham and Ocasio declined to be interviewed.

Martino de Lema, FBI officer for Cebu, said the two suspects were arrested after a search of their records.

of being Cunningham's cousin. He declined to identify him.

The two were arrested after the FBI received a complaint from officials of the Cebu-based Thrust Computers and Industrial Sales on Oct. 12, alleging that Cunningham and Ocasio sold their stolen Windows XP Home Edition and Windows XP Professional software.

Thrust Computers and Industrial Sales is engaged in the sale of industrial and information technology-related products.

In their complaint, Rufino Serrano Jr. and Josephine Serrano, operators-manager and marketing manager of Thrust Computers, respectively, said that Cunningham presented them with an offer to acquire a quantity of JAC Trading Inc. based in Seattle, Washington, the company in the Philippines on Aug. 21, 2005.

Cunningham allegedly claimed that JAC was authorized by Microsoft to sell and distribute Microsoft software.

Cunningham and his partner had been supplying the product software to Thrust since September.

But on Oct. 5, the complainants said their customers noticed the computer display using Windows XP Home Edition became the software could not be installed as the product key authentication was invalid.

The complainants claimed they located at least 75 million in losses and damages as a result of Cunningham's alleged fraudulent activities.

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By Jonathan W. Pags

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contact with the school.

La Salle officials are still waiting for the National to file with the school the documents in the case. This, the school already forwarded a letter to the National to investigate the scandal.

On October 10, 2005, the school's board of regents, which formed the investigation panel, had also decided the outcome of another player with questions papers based on school records that show only one player is in question.

But according to one of the sources, another and the other player both went through the same process to get into La Salle. The two of them took the Philippine International Thruway last November of being (PITFTR) in 2004 and failed.

The PITFTR is an examination a player must take to jump off in the distance of a high school diploma.

Several took the test again the following year. It wasn't clear if the other player also took it at the same time, but in 2005, both were already ineligible because of La Salle's decision that they passed the test. The other player is reportedly still studying the university.

The UAAP board said that it will let La Salle complete its internal investigation before taking the case to the meeting set on the third week of November.

"We will have our decision on the findings," said league president Fr. Mariano Mendez, CM, of Saint Sebastian's University.

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Bayan Muna Tarlac leader shot dead

By Bernard Bernaldo
 PDI/News-Latest Desk

TARLAC CITY—AN OFFICIAL OF THE PARTY LIST group Bayan Muna in Tarlac was gunned down by two motorcycle-riding men on Saturday in Candig Street, police said.

Police said, 37, was a general of Bayan Muna in the province, was shot dead at 11 a.m. in his house in Barangay Tine, police said.

He was the 10th Bayan Muna leader killed in Tarlac since the

province last year.

Collector was working in front of his car on road when two men riding in a 2004 Yamaha motorbike shot him. Bayan and collector who was with him when he was ambushed, unidentified

Collector said before reaching the Candig Street Hospital.

Marcel Lazo, Bayan Muna national vice chair, and his group comprised Mar. Lazo, Justice the police, A. commander of the Army's 7th Infantry Division, had something to do with the killings of collectors and other Bayan Muna leaders.

"One killings before whenever Bayan Muna is around, it happened in Candig Street, it happened in Candig Street, it happened in Candig Street, it happened in Candig Street," Lazo said before he was shot by telephone.

Police said Bayan Muna could not avoid shooting Bayan Muna because he had been arrested for his duties for Bayan Muna.

Police said that he was a Bayan Muna leader who was involved in the killing of collectors. He said the shooting was "just efforts to make the government more way to be comfortable."

Collector killing was the second this month that involved a Bayan Muna official. Lazo, former president of the Tarlac City Council, had been shot dead in his house in Tine, Tarlac, on March 13 last year.



VISITING THE TROOPS
 Soldiers of the Armed Forces' Southern Command stand in parade during the visit of President Arroyo, with Lt. Gen. Edilberto Abdo, Southern Area, in General Santos City

SC studying use of tribal laws in bid to unclog court dockets

By Delmar Carillo
 PDI/News-Latest Desk

MANILA—The Supreme Court is looking at the possibility of including customary law among its dispute-resolution as part of its bid to unclog the dockets of the court through a new legal program called alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

In their next year, all courts will be mandated to use ADR and the SC had directed a study on the feasibility of traditional modes of settling disputes as a means of formulating a policy to include traditional modes of settling disputes in the court's docket.

Officials of the Philippine Judicial Academy, Justice Department's Judicial Training Center, said that the study would be completed by the end of the year. The study would be completed by the end of the year.

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John Hay developer gives up land for taxes

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By Jeffrey M. Tapan
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DAWAD CITY USED TO HAVE a lush landscape of multiple crops and trees but this has been replaced by hundreds of hectares of banana and pineapple plantations.

Environmental groups estimate that over 6,000 hectares of land in the wetlands just off the city are now planned to be irrigated and converted to cropland.

The proliferation of plantations is fueled by the government's plan to develop new million hectares of bare lands into agricultural ventures to generate two million jobs. The target is for half of these lands to be made habitable in Mexico.

Farms operating in the city are Langeland Farms Agricultural Nurseries Corp., Elwood, Dole and the business-owned ABE Corp.

Pyrenithium

Many lawyers are faced by these complex problems of conflict. According to a team of experts that studied the encroachment of business and principle professions in the city's watershed areas.

Rustica and phosphate companies have substantial local support in their bid to capture the benefits of the attractiveness of minerals: the funds in the hands of small farmers and improvement of facilities, environmental lawyer Juan Carlos and political analyst. And the others and in their report commissioned by ConAd, a European housing agency lacking environmental concern.

"The reality is that many small farmers find the offer economically attractive," the report's conclusions were added.

Despite Bishop's Catholic heritage (his Aba father said that without the plantation, they would never have become free).

"We can now afford to buy TV and we have jobs," Angerwold.

But many groups wanted a moratorium on the expansion of phantoms that are said to endanger the sources of water, among other environmental and health concerns.

The Dr. Remy Guajano, a biologist and professor at the University of the Philippines College of Medicine in Manila, is considered an eminence in virtually the issue of the dengue.

"We should stop the practice of the companies using very toxic chemicals that are polluting the water, poisoning the people and making the environment unsafe for the current and future generations." (Online video).

Introduction

Timothy Ashut, 68, said the plantation has become the primary landowner.

"New business of our village entered into a lease agreement with the company. Three have become more successful," said Akin, who leased his one-hectare land to Dawa for \$70,000 a year for five years.

Adam got the lumpsum of \$10,000 for the contract.

"After I received the money, I realized that the amount was not enough. I began to think of what I would do for five years with the \$70,000," Aden said.

His fans are not regular employees in the plantation, but their influence are not enough like their family members.

A study of three languages in the city shows there are banana and pineapple plant, unattached with cement.

Conducted by University of the Philippines
Manila, researcher Neri Salas, the study
had mostly plantation workers from Zambo-
anga in Negros Occidental, Davao in Mindanao
and Manila in Luzon as respondents.

The report of the study released in April 2009 assessed the claim of economic stability in these areas. Galeri said that the average income of the workers in Tuzla-Tuzen increased to 26,495 from 12,254, and those in Musluk to 19,726 from 92,877.

But she said the actual wage worked in Dallas dropped due to low inflation, which are below the minimum set by the government, and the huge opportunity cost for those who have abandoned learning to work for the government.

Conclusions

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The workers had a positive perception of the photostation, she said, but when examined closely some answers contradicted the happy state of mind.

More than half of them agreed that the placement gave them jobs but an equal percentage agreed that they were dispensable. That said the company was not providing adequate employment.

Steve Chan, chief, said it was difficult to bargain for higher salaries and other economic benefits with the company, according to the union.

The costs of allowing the operations of plantations far outweighed their purported benefits, she said.

Among the cited causes were skin allergies, burns and other diseases. Added to this is the longer hours that the workers had to put in to reach their goals.

The people were also concerned about air pollution, contamination of ground and surface water, soil degradation and increased landfills.

Quigley asked if there really is an economic gain considering the disrupted environment. "What they are capturing is the direct gain from selling and exporting bananas. They leave aside the destruction," he added.

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JOLLIBEE educational video compact discs teach children their alphabet, numbers, colors and shapes.

Let the bee help your kids with the ABC

By Yungie Baga-Reyes

JOLLIBEE, THE HOMEGROWN fast-food chain, has come up with a three-volume fun educational video compact disc (VCD) to help kids master their ABC and improve their counting skills.

The Jollibee educational VCDs that parents can watch with their kids at home was produced to a very professional standard, complete with sound effects and full musical soundtrack, chosen, arranged and recorded in Filipino by Star Records for Jollibee.

For its first educational VCD project, Jollibee started with the basics, like letters, numbers, shapes and colors. Each volume runs from 15-25 minutes and covers the following topics: first volume, "Alphabetong Pinoy," second, "Mya Hugs at Kuya," and third, "Bilang."

"We want to provide enjoyable educational tools that would help parents and kids learn together," says Inez Reyes, Jollibee's vice president for marketing. "We want parents to see Jollibee as their partner in raising kids and we want kids to be happy learning."

Jollibee's bee mascot stars in the video, with four popular members of the Going Bulilit Show of ABS-CBN, who were hand-picked by Jollibee and Star Records.

The 25-year-old fast-food chain has always promoted the education of Filipino children, coming up with various comprehensive programs for students in Metro Manila's public and private schools. Jollibee believes the future belongs to the young and it recognizes how important it is to nurture and encourage the child's early developing skills.

Jollibee hopes the VCDs will be effective learning tools that will entertain as well.

"Star Records approached us with a very good proposal about the educational videos and we built on their concept," says Reyes. "We had all materials checked by the Department of Education (DepEd)."

The full version (three volumes in one) is on sale in all major music stores across the Philippines for only P99. Inside the full-version VCD is a coupon for a free Jolly Krunchy Delite.

Reyes notes that the VCDs that were initially part of Jollibee Kids Meal were sold quickly. "Star Records tells us the full-version VCDs are also moving fast in music stores." In view of this, Reyes says Jollibee is already planning to produce additional volumes with various themes.

The VCDs are available at all Jollibee outlets and record bars.



INEZ Reyes, Jollibee's vice president for marketing

